WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Improvement in Postal Services

*614. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures have been contemplated recently to improve the postal services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a cell consisting of eminent persons is proposed to be set up to monitor the postal efficiency; and

(d) if so, the likely composition thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following are some of the contemplated measures to improve the postal services:

(i) To motivate the postal employees, it is proposed to give the best postman award on quarterly basis for each postal division in the country.

(ii) To take steps to improve the stamp impressions on articles of mail.

(iii) To monitor the punctuality and efficiency of the service periodically.

(iv) To instal the multi-purpose computerised counter machines at 4000 post office counters.

(v) Monitoring the delivery in the rural areas.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Visit of Official Delegation to Nepal

*615. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level official delegation led by the Cabinet Secretary visited Nepal recently;

(b) if so, the objectives of the visit; and

(c) the outcome of the talks held between the delegation and the Nepalese leaders?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This meeting of the Indo-Nepal High Level Task Force was pursuant to a decision taken during the visit of the Prime Minister of India to Nepal in February 1991. The High Level Task Force is to prepare a comprehensive programme of bilateral economic cooperation between India and Nepal.

(c) A wide range of issues of mutual interest relating to bilateral economic cooperation were discussed including trade, transit, control of unauthorised trade, water resources development and industrial cooperation. The talks will continue at the subsequent meetings.

Expenditure on Publicity by Delhi Police

*616. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has spent a heavy amount on publicity to improve its image;

(b) if so, the details of such expenditure incurred during the last three years;

(c) whether any positive result has been achieved by this publicity;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to reduce this expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b). The year-wise details of expenditure incurred by the Delhi Police on publicity during the last three financial years are as follows:

1988-89	Rs. 57,02,683.00
1989-90	Rs. 95,75,501.60
1990-91	Rs. 1,11,58,049.00

(c) and (d). The Delhi Police has informed that publicity helps in educating people to protect themselves against crime, enlisting public cooperation in collection of intelligence and detection of crime and in promoting police-public relations.

The Delhi Police is being asked to spend only that much which is essential for the purpose it achieves.

[*Translation*]

Production of Milk

*617. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of milk during the last three years State-wise;

(b) the efforts made by the Government during the above period to increase the production of milk under Operation Flood-III Programme; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) A statement showing State-wise milk production during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 is enclosed.

(b) The milk production enhancement programme forms an integral part of the Operation Flood Programme. The key components of the programme include:-

1) Provision of facilities for artificial insemination and natural service for genetic improvement.

2) Provision of animal health services including prophylactic measures.

3) Provision of balanced cattle feed, feed supplement and fodder development for improved nutrition.

(c) The total estimated milk production in the country has risen from 48.4 million tonnes in 1988-89 to 54.9 million tonnes in 1990-91.